Tree and Site Inspection

Comprehensive tree and site inspection prior to set-up

- Identify hazards and obstacles
- Plan set-up and work

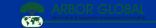


Site Inspection

- Holes, drop-offs, or unstable objects on ground
- Underground voids or structures
 - Septic systems, irrigation, wells, lava tubes, etc.
- Side or overhead obstacles or obstructions to bucket/platform or boom extension or maneuvering
- Overhead electric lines
- Unauthorized vehicles and personnel
- Location and attention of all workers during all operations







- Firm
 - will not permit lift to sink or overturn
- Reasonably level ground
 - Within maximum slope defined by manufacturer generally less than 5 degrees
- Free of obstacles and obstructions
- Free of safety obstacles and obstructions







Position lift to:

- Safely and efficiently access work stations
- Minimize reach to horizontal extensions







- Set parking brake
- Chock wheels
 - Opposite sides of vehicle and alternate sides of tires





Warning signals installed/activated

- Lights, flashers, signs, cones and barriers
- Conformance to local jurisdiction







Outriggers extended and set

- Prior to extending outrigger on opposite side of equipment
 - Operator visually check and call out warning to ensure no personnel within landing zone of outrigger
 - Command and response
- Soft ground or sites where outriggers may damage surface
 - Outrigger pads installed
- Downhill first









Emergency rescue kit

- Safe location
- Clear of vehicle
- Easily accessible



Final check conducted

- Vehicle stable and in good working order
- Site safe.



Work Plan/Job Brief

Plan and communicate all safety rules for each job site

- Work tasks and progression
- Potential hazards and their mitigation
- Emergency response plan
- Each worker's tasks, role, responsibility and positioning
- Command and response system
- All required equipment present and good working order.





Do not operate machinery if:

- Tired
- Using drugs or alcohol
- Do not drive vehicle with the platform elevated

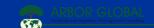


Minimize electrical contacts risk

- All employees attend Electrical Hazard Awareness Program in conformance with OSHA and ANSI requirements
- Worksite inspection
- Only qualified electrical line clearance workers can work near energized electrical equipment
- Maintain distance of > 10 feet from all energized conductors
 - Clearance includes person, aerial lift and boom, all tools and equipment, and all parts of a tree
 - If minimum approach distance cannot be maintained at all times, contact owner of electrical lines to coordinate safe work clearance







Wear fall protection equipment

- Lanyard attached to manufacturer's attachment point
 - Boom or bucket/platform
- Do not connect lanyard to adjacent equipment, poles, trees or structures





Keep both feet firmly on floor of the platform

- Do not sit or climb on rail
- Do not lean far out
- Do not use ladders, blocks or other elevators inside platform to increase reach







Apply appropriate arboriculture practices to prevent uncontrolled tree or branch falls onto equipment

No spurs worn in bucket

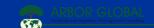




Loads lift only as approved by manufacturer

- Do not permit > approved number of persons in platform
- Use only manufacturer's approved lift device
 - •Do not tie loads to platform or boom
- Ensure loads are balanced
- Consider weight of operator





- Do not operate lift during periods of high winds
- Never operate a lift alone
 - At least 2 qualified operators always present during lift operations





- Face direction platform is moving
- Operate controls smoothly





Continuously inspect for potential hazards and re-evaluate safe operation

- Be aware of location of boom and platform in relation to other structures, objects and hazards
- •Communicate any changes in work plan to all workers







Recognize and avoid key crush points whenever lift is in operation

- Focused on location of all persons relevant to lift movement
- Command and response prior to lift movement





Workers shall not operate the lower controls without the direct knowledge and express permission of the worker in the bucket/platform, unless an emergency exists





Cease operation if any part of lift breaks or malfunctions

• Qualified repair technician must conduct repairs and tests before continuing operations.







Ladder Inspection

Avoid failure of parts and falls

- Rivets and bolts firm and in place
- Rungs and rails sound and free of defects
- Non-skid feet secure and sound.







Ladder Safety Operation

Person or ladder fall hazard

- Tired or dizzy, do not climb ladder
- Do not use ladder in high winds or storms
- Wear slip-resistant shoes
- Select proper size ladder for job
 - Climber should not stand on top rung or step





Ladder Safety Operation

- Duty Rating of ladder > total weight of climber, tools, supplies, and other objects placed upon ladder
- Place ladder on firm level ground
- Avoid slippery condition base or top support points
- Only one person on ladder
- Read safety information labels
- Never jump on/off or slide down ladder







Ladder Safety Operation

- Must be secured while working or before leaving ladder
- Utilize three points-of-contact
- Climb one rung/step at a time
- Keep center of belt buckle between rails.







Chippers

Chippers process wood into compact chips

- Reduce large volume of wood into small area
- Easy to transport and dispose







Proper training and practices critical

- Daily inspection and maintenance
- Proper towing procedures
- Starting and stopping procedures
- Safe feeding of wood















Chipper Accidents

- Broken bones from wood strikes
- Lacerations/contusions from moving branch strikes
- Eye injuries
- Body parts processed





Always wear appropriate PPE

- Protective helmet
- Eye protection
- Hearing protection
- Properly fitting clothing
- Work boots









Do not wear:

- Loose clothing
- Jewelry
- Gauntlet-type gloves
- Climbing saddles
- Harnesses/lanyards
- Back support belts

















Feeding wood into chipper

- Clear tripping hazards from near chipper
- No part of operator's body should ever enter chute area
- Avoid placing rocks, metal or other debris into chipper with wood









When feeding material

- Large (butt) end goes in first
- Feed from side of apron
- Move quickly to side after throwing material into chute
- Small wood can be pushed in with a larger branches
- Small branches remaining in chute will be pulled in by next branch





When feeding material

- No foreign material (stones, cabling hardware, nails, etc.)
- Suspect wood should be hauled away

Manage ropes to avoid entanglement/uptake into chipper







Do Not conduct chipper maintenance unless it is off & locked

- Key off and out of ignition
- Cutter wheel completely stopped
- Lock pins installed.











Use only qualified personnel and

Follow all manufacturer's instructions





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